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145 NEW CHP OFFICERS TO BE SWORN IN

The California Highway Patrol will swear in 145 new officers during graduation ceremonies Friday at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. The graduation ceremony is the culmination of 27 weeks of intense training. The class, which is the largest since 2001, includes: twin brothers who overcame extreme physical challenges due to their weight to achieve their longtime goal of earning a badge and a mother of three, who after breaking her leg twice during training, will be sworn in nearly two years and three attempts later. Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Secretary Dale Bonner will deliver the graduation address.

WHO: Dale Bonner, Secretary, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Joe Farrow, Commissioner, California Highway Patrol

Families and friends of graduating CHP officers from throughout California

WHEN: Friday, October 31. Cadet inspection will be at 9 a.m., followed by the

graduation ceremony at 10 a.m. The graduation ceremony is expected to last one

hour.

WHERE: The CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Avenue, West Sacramento

VISUALS: Family members will pin badges on the graduates.

NOTE: The graduates mentioned above will be available for interviews following the

ceremonies. A list of graduates by hometown and area of assignment is attached.

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